

# Telephone Assistance Program

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**Lifeline & Link-up** are federal programs that assist eligible consumers with local telephone service (not long-distance).

### How can these programs benefit you?

**Lifeline** provides a monthly discount on basic local telephone service for eligible consumers and is available for only one phone line.

**Link-up** provides eligible consumers with discounts on connection charges for new local telephone service and may enable you to finance your portion of the connection charges interest-free for one year. The discount is available for only one telephone line per eligible home.

### Are you eligible?

Consumers whose annual household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and/or enrolled in one or more of the following assistance programs qualify for **Lifeline & Link-up** benefits:

- National School **FREE** Lunch Program
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8

The following conditions are required for the **Lifeline & Link-up** programs:

- 1) Telephone service must be listed in your name;
- 2) You cannot be listed as a dependent on another person's tax return; and
- 3) Telephone service must be your primary residence (not a business or second home).

### How to apply?

Return the completed application on the reverse side to your phone company with documentation showing that your annual household income is at or below 135 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines or you participate in at least one of the public assistance programs listed above. Call your local telephone company to find out what documentation is required.

### For more information, call your local phone company. Indiana Telephone Assistance Program providers:

AT&T Indiana (formerly SBC) 1-888-285-7983  
Bloomington Home Telephone 1-765-498-2000  
Camden Telephone (TDS) 1-888-225-5837\*  
Centennial Wireless 1-800-493-3121  
Century Telecom of Central Ind. 1-800-201-4099  
Century Telecom of Odon 1-800-201-4099  
Citizens Telephone 1-260-375-2111  
Clay County Rural Telephone Coop. 1-800-922-6677  
Comm. Corp. of Ind. (TDS) 1-888-225-5837  
Comm. Corp. of So. Ind. (TDS) 1-888-225-5837  
Craigville Telephone 1-260-565-3131  
Daviess-Martin RTC 1-812-486-3211  
Embarq (formerly Sprint) 1-800-257-3212  
Frontier Comm. of Ind. 1-800-921-8101  
Frontier Comm. of Thorntown 1-800-921-8101  
Geetingsville Telephone 1-765-258-3111\*  
Hancock Communications 1-317-477-1234  
Hancock Rural Telecom 1-317-477-1234  
Home Telephone of Pittsboro (TDS) 1-888-225-5837

Home Telephone (TDS) 1-888-225-5837  
Ligonier Telephone 1-800-714-6353  
Merchants & Farmers Telephone (TDS) 1-888-225-5837  
Monon Telephone 1-800-531-7121  
Mulberry Telephone 1-765-296-2885\*  
Nextel Partners 1-888-556-6111  
New Lisbon Telephone 1-765-332-2885  
New Paris Telephone 1-888-831-4678  
NW Ind. Telephone (NITCO) 1-219-996-2981  
Perry-Spencer Telephone Coop. 1-812-357-2123  
Pulaski-White Telephone Coop. 1-800-760-0848  
Rochester Telephone 1-574-223-2191\*  
SEI Data 1-812-667-5100  
Smithville Telephone 1-812-876-2211  
Southeastern Ind. RTC 1-888-200-8077  
Sprint PCS 1-888-211-4727  
Sunman Telephone 1-812-623-2122  
Swayzee Telephone 1-765-922-7916  
Sweetser Telephone 1-765-384-4311

S&W Telephone (TDS) 1-888-225-5837  
Tipton Telephone (TDS) 1-888-225-5837  
Tri-County Telephone (TDS) 1-888-225-5837  
Verizon 1-800-483-3000  
Washington County RTC 1-812-967-3171  
West Point Telephone 1-765-572-2488  
Yeoman Telephone 1-574-965-2100  
\* Refers to competitive carriers that have received ETC designation from the State of Indiana for federal funding.  
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#### List current as of January 2006

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How did you hear about this program?

☐ Family or friends

☐ Social service organization

☐ Church

☐ Direct marketing (door-to-door, etc.)

☐ Radio

☐ Newspaper

☐ Billboard

☐ Bus signs

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

1) I certify that I participate in the following programs (check all that apply):

☐ National School FREE Lunch Program

☐ Medicaid

☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

☐ Food Stamps

☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

☐ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

☐ Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8

2) ☐ I certify that I qualify because my annual household income is at or below 135 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

3) I also hereby certify that: my telephone service is listed in my name; I am not listed as a dependent on another person's tax return; and the address listed is my primary residence (not a second home or business).

4) If in the future I no longer participate in at least one of the programs above or qualify based on income, I will promptly notify my local telephone company.

5) I authorize my local telephone company or its representative to review any records required to verify these statements and to confirm my continued participation in these programs. I authorize representatives of these programs to discuss or provide copies of this application to my local telephone company to verify I participate in these programs and I am eligible for Lifeline or Link-Up.

6) I (we) affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number (if already established) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This application must be returned to your local phone company.**

### For Additional Information:

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

toll-free: 1-888-441-2494

voice/tdd: 1-317-232-2494

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

toll-free: 1-800-851-4268

tty/tdd: 1-317-232-8556

local: 1-317-232-2700